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Annual congregational meeting New Year's evening in the lecture rooms of the church at 7:30 o'clock.

Annual meeting of the Woman's Aid Society Thursday afternoon, January 2, at 2:30.

Christmas services for the Sunday school and church, Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 22, at 4:30.

New Year's sermon Sabbath morning, Dec. 29.

Special envelopes have been distributed for the Christmas offering. We hope we may have a very liberal offering. Bring your envelopes to any of the services during the Christmas season. If you have not received an envelope do not fail to bring your offering.

Annual New Year's supper. Get a supply of tickets from Mr. Ernest Close and sell them to your friends. Do not wait too be solicited for the supper. Report to the soliciting committee what you will give. The president of the Layman's league suggests that every man in the church ought to furnish two chickens or pay a dollar toward the supper.

What are your plans for the next year? Are you tired making resolutions because of past failures? It is better to resolve and break than never to resolve at all. However, repeated efforts along the right line, with God's help will mean success.

The Christmas exercise for the Sunday school and church will be held at 4:30 Sunday afternoon and a program of recitations and music have been arranged. Special envelopes have been distributed for the Christmas offering and at this service donations will be received for the Orphan's Home. We should have a liberal contribution of money, clothing and articles of food such as canned goods, etc., for this cause, let us unite in this matter and we will be happier for it.

Giving does not impoverish, neither does withholding enrich. Giving to God implies a getting from God. If you do not want God to give grudgingly to you then do not give grudgingly to Him. God loveth a cheerful giver. God does not count the blessings he bestows upon you each day. He showers His goodness upon you. You do not want Him to forget you. Deal honestly with God and He will deal honestly with you.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1913.

The new duplex envelopes are now ready for distribution, be sure to get yours so as to start with the New Year.

Be sure to throw away your old envelope as everybody will have a new number this year, owing to our having rearranged our records.

The cartons contain a pledge card and I want to call each members attention to the fact that the church must have more money for running expenses, owing to increased cost of fuel, extra repair bills, etc. etc. We have raised a great deal of money in the

past few years for special purposes but in some instances this has been done at the expense of our general fund. In looking over our records I find there are many members who can and should increase their pledges and I earnestly request you to consider this matter very carefully, we should all be glad to do our share to maintain our church which is one that we can feel proud of. So let me urge you again to give this your serious thought and then let us have your increased pledge.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. CLOSE, Fin. Sec'y.

Organ dedication day was an inspiring and delightful day for Grace church. We had prayed for a long time and labored hard for the realization of this day and we are happy that at last our prayers are answered and our hopes are realized. The weather was just fairly favorable, somewhat threatening and cold, but this did not detain the people from the services for we had a large attendance at both morning and evening services. The audience in the morning, was composed largely of our own families. The pastors and members of St. John's and Salem Reformed churches were invited to join with us in the evening service, and we were glad to see such a large representation from these churches, present. Dr. Good's sermon, in the morning on "The Singing Victory of the Bible," was very appropriate, and greatly enjoyed by the people. His illustrated lecture in the evening on "Sacred Places of the Heidelberg Catechism" was instructive and of special interest to our Reformed people. Dr. Good is authority on Reformed church history and on the history of the Catechism, and is familiar with the "Sacred places" of our symbol of faith, as was evidenced in his lecture. His stereopticon slides of historic places in Switzerland, Germany and of other places in the continent are splendid

and add immensely to the interest of his lecture. Our people certainly enjoyed having the Doctor with us again.

Rev. H. B. Diefenbach, of Bluffton, who is one of the vice president of State C. E. Society, gave our young people a very earnest and helpful talk at their service at 6:30, on the topic, "The Garden of the Giants."

The choir sang with inspiration and joy on Dedication day. With the support of the organ the singing sounded almost angelic. The people were delighted with the music at all of the services and were especially pleased that the choir was so liberal with its music. The service of song is to many people the better part of the service. The hymn composed by Mrs. Zartman for Dedication day was new to the congregation, but the people sang at it and enjoyed it. We will sing it until we become familiar with it.

Our organist, Miss Bertha Bitner, is not a novice in presiding at a pipe organ. While our organ has many entirely new appliances she showed that she was master of the situation and proved that she had made the best use of her training under Professor Archer, and of her two years' study at the university. She knows, as does every organist, that it requires years of patience and persistent toil to obtain any marked degree of efficiency as a player on the pipe organ. The people were all pleased with her playing and we are sure that as she will have opportunity to familiarize herself with the organ she will prove herself a very competent player and will delight our people with the possibilities of the organ.

Professor Archer gave the organ a thorough testing on the evening of the recital. He showed its volume and sweetness of tone. He says the organ is a "gem." We are sure our people will not be disappointed in the purchase. We are greatly appreciating the help the organ gives us in our worship. It supplies a long felt, and much needed

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 help in our services and adds greatly to the beauty of the church. With the new organ installed, the church redecorated, the floors newly carpeted and our furnaces rebuilt, the church is well equipped and is pronounced one of the handsomest churches in the city. We can now sing very joyfully, "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow." We hope to make the final payment on the organ in a very short time and we are praying that sufficient contributions may come in so that we may have quite a surplus left toward the payment on the furnaces. At the Sabbath morning service, Dec. 15, the organ was formally accepted by the congregation. We want to thank every person who has in any way contributed and helped us to make the purchase of the organ a possibility, and we are especially grateful to Mr. Carnegie for his very liberal gift. There were eight accessions to the church on Dedication day and six baptisms. The following persons were received into the church: Mr. E. M. Klopfenstein, Mrs. Rebecca Klopfenstein, Mr. Lester Klopfenstein, Mrs. Emma Pfaff, from the Reformed church at Leo, Ind.; Mrs. Jacob Shearer, Mr. Fred Shearer, formerly members of St. John's Reformed church, of Fort Wayne; Mr. Charles J. Masel, of St. John's Lutheran church, of this city; Miss Mabel Ribel was received by confirmation. Adult baptisms—James Quin. Children baptized, Lucile Fern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Siebold; Herbert Benedict, son of Mr. and Mrs. Croyle; Ruth Josephine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close; James Elmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Orin; Quin; Orville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wait. We are very happy to have these new members with us in our church. We hope they will find a very pleasant home with us.

The Church that stops working cannot thrive, just as the inactive indi-

vidual cannot remain healthy. Some of our wealthiest churches are the most active. They realize that the working church is the prosperous church.

Our new janitor, Mr. John R. Barringer, is giving excellent service. We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing him. His time is not all occupied in his work at the church, if you have need of help about your homes or offices he will be glad to give you his service. See if you cannot do something for him in this way.

The men of the church will give their annual supper on New Year's evening in the lecture rooms of the church. The president of the Laymen's League has appointed the following committee: Secretary and treasurer, Ernest Close; Executive committee, Robert Schmidt, Arthur Bitner, George Shiffer, Oscar Snook, Arthur Weiler, A. Jones and Ed Close; Soliciting committee, H. E. Metzner, Walter Close, Evon Williams, H. E. Vordermark, F. E. Moore, J. W. Brewer. Committee on coffee, Charles Gummer, L. W. Hills, Frank Leikauf. Head waiter, H. E. Metzner; assistants, Ed Close, Harry Baum, D. Wilbert, Chas. Royers, Ernest Payne, Geo. Gerner, B. C. Hattel, Ed Hesser, William Hilbish, Wm. Straub, F. D. Knot, Karl Kessler, Isaac Clippinger, Rollo Barber, Earl Dinger, Louis Martin, Charles Masel, Elmer Wertman, James Quinze, Geo. Ruck, F. Roth, John Sessler, Geo. Ulmer, Arthur Weiler and S. D. Zeis. Committee on entertainment, the men of the church whose names do not appear on committees already named.

MENU

Chicken

Biscuits		Gravy
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Slaw		Celery
	Cranberry Sauce	
Bread and Butter		Ice Cream
	Coffee	
	Tickets, 25 cents	

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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Mr. Moore's are now domiciled in their new home on Creighton avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Crum have gone to Lakeside to live gain. They purchased property on Edgewater avenue.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson was permitted to attend the dedicatory service on the morning of Dec. 8. We are sure that no one enjoyed the sermon and music more than this aged mother. She has so often said that she longs to be in the church service.

Mrs. Willis Pearse is seriously ill at her home on Creighton avenue. She has been in delicate health for a long time. Her friends are very anxious about her condition. We hope for her recovery.

Mrs. Hoeker, a member of the Bluffton Reformed church, is at Hope hospital for an operation for goitre. We trust she may regain her health.

Mrs. Sanderson, a cousin of Mr. Jacob Rudisil, and her son, Earl, are visiting with the Rudisill family. The pastor and Mrs. Zartman spent a half day with them and enjoyed it immensely. It is always a rest to be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gumpfer and the pastor and Mrs. Zartman made a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shearer. They are royal entertainers and we had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Straub will soon be in the enjoyment of their new home in Bloomingdale, with all its modern conveniences.

A little baby girl is the latest arrival in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Siebold.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeis are rejoicing over the advent of a little son.

Mr. Abram Jones will spend the Christmas season with his parents in Columbus, O., and with his sister, who resides in Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Robert Schmidt will go to his home in Indianapolis.

Little Margaret Metzner has been quite sick with bronchitis, but is recovering rapidly.

Dr. and Mrs. Dilworth have moved into their new home on Wayne street. Mrs. Dilworth was a member of the Reformed church in Payne, O.

We are glad to report the condition of Mrs. Romey much improved. She has been ill a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller are now occupying their beautiful new home on Spy Run avenue.

Mr. Oscar Snook is able to be about again. We were glad to see him at the Sunday morning service December 15.

Dr. Bertha Goba has recovered from a serious affection of the heart. The attending physician gives every hope of a complete recovery with proper rest and a cessation from her medical duties.

Mrs. Samuel Dukeman suffered an attack of pneumonia which kept her in her room a number of weeks. She is now convalescing and has gone to her old home at Hicksville, O.

DUPLEX ENVELOPES.

The Laymen's League has again furnished the members with duplex envelopes for their 1913 payments. These envelopes are now ready for distribution, as in former years these cartons contain special envelopes in which members who desire, can pay 10c or more toward the cost of this system, in other years a good many members have done this and the money goes into the treasury of the League and is used for matters of interest to the church.

No one is compelled to do this but we hope many will do so voluntarily.

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE,
By E. A. Close, Treas.

At the annual congregational meeting New Year's evening there will be an election of elders and deacons, financial secretary, benevolent secretary and treasurer and charity treasurer.

The consistory has made the following nominations for these offices: Elders, two years—H. E. Vordermark, W. F. Close, S. D. Zeis, Valentine Monn; for one year—Frank Leikauf, H. P. Dinger. Deacons, two years—H. E. Metzner, Ed C. Close, Geo Shiffer, Abraham Jones.

Read the financial secretary's statement in this issue of the Visitor in reference to the current expenses of the church and the need of increased subscriptions. We believe if the members fully understand the situation they will be glad to increase their subscriptions very materially. It is quite gratifying to see how liberally some contribute for the support of their church out of the limited income they have. If others would give in a like manner the church would never want for funds. What do you suppose would happen if every member of Grace church would start out with the New Year to be a tither? The church would have plenty of money to carry forward its work and have a large supply for benevolence, and what a blessing would come to the church, to our homes and to every one individually. Solomon says: "Honor the Lord with thy Substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new mine." The prophet Malachi says: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Why not take the Lord at his word and prove him. Give him your tithe and see if you will not be

blessed more abundantly and be happier in your Christian life.

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Jan. 5.—The Ideal Christian, His Consecration. Mark 12:28-34. (Consecration meetings). George Shiffer.

Jan. 12.—Become a Christian; Why Not? Matt. 4:17-25. (A Decision meeting led by the Lookout Com.) Esther Fritz, chairman.

Jan. 19.—How can we better our prayer meetings? Matt. 18:18-20. (Led by the Prayer Meeting Com.) Evon Williams, chairman.

Jan. 26.—Mission work at Home and Abroad. Acts 13:14-44. Abraham Jones.

Y. P. S. C. E. COMMITTEES 1913.
Prayer Meeting Committee—Chairman, Evon Williams; Edith Shiffer, Mrs. F. D. Knot, Loretta Gooley.

Lookout Committee—Chairman, Esther Fritz; Nora Minor, Anna Doermer, Bertha Bitner.

Missionary Committee—Chairman, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Lulu Bitner, Bertha Weickart, Ruth Gumpfer.

Social Committee—Geo. Shiffer, Elsie Weickart, Ruth Moore, Ruth Siebold, Raymond Close.

Whatsoever Committee — Chairman, Hazel Gooley; Rev. A. K. Zartman, Abraham Jones, Arthur Bitner.

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